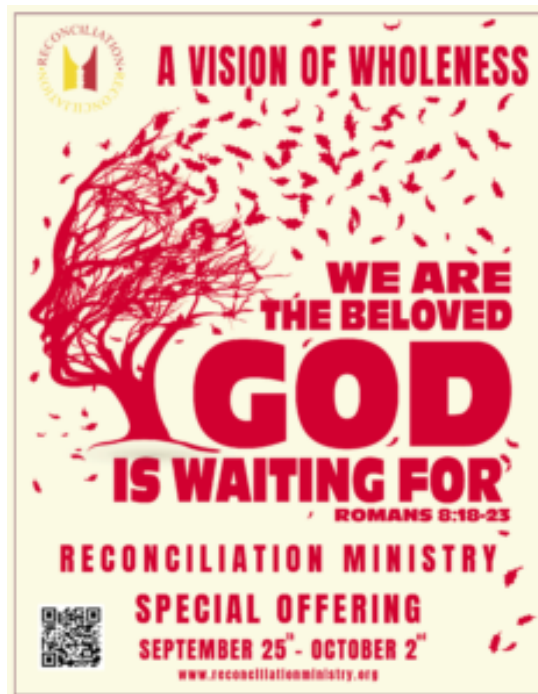


## Reconciliation Ministry 2022 Special Offering September 25th and October 2nd

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You may give to this special offering [ONLINE](#), or by using the designated envelopes which will be found in the Narthex, or by mailing your gift to First Christian Church, 611 Clark Avenue, Ames, IA 50010. Please make sure to designate your check as "Reconciliation Offering" on the memo line.



**T**he Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on the last Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church's Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These programs and efforts seek to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that serve to deny the image of God and human thriving based on race.

Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry strengthens our Church's witness to God's unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity, leaders, communities, and our congregations are being equipped to witness to God's love and justice in all times and in every season. The time is always ripe to stand up for justice to ensure that all of God's children are treated equitably. Thank you for joining us on this journey through your generosity.



# CROP HUNGER WALK



## Introducing FCC's 2022 CROP Walk Team!

**T**his year, the Ames Area CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9. This is a special anniversary year for the Ames Crop Walk, which was first held in 1972. That's right, the Ames Crop Walk is now 50 years old!

Once again, First Christian Church has assembled a dedicated team of walkers who will help raise money to alleviate hunger, both locally and around the world. So far, walkers on this year's FCC Team include Pastor Mary Jane Button-Harrison, Cynthia Gaunt, Mary and David Gregory (Team Co-Chairs), Deb Lewis, Stacey Maifeld, Amanda Mokaya, Eileen Sambos, and members of the Schwartz, Spitzli, and Webb families. Remember, it's never too late to join the FCC Team! If you're interested, contact Mary or David Gregory ASAP. (See contact information below.)

Like last year's walk, this year's CROP Walk will be a hybrid event. Groups and individuals can choose to join the community walk on the afternoon of Sunday, October 9, or can plan their own

### *Who Benefits from CROP Walk?*

#### **GLOBALLY...**

75% of the money raised by the Ames Area CROP Walk goes to Church World Service (CWS), a cooperative ministry of 37 Christian denominations and communions, providing sustainable self-help, development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world. The CWS mission is to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice at the national and international level through collaboration with partners abroad and in the US. (For more information, go to [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org).)

#### **LOCALLY...**

25% of the money raised by the Ames CROP Hunger Walk stays right here in our community, and is distributed to the following agencies assisting in hunger relief:

- Bethesda Food Shelf
- Calvary Food Shelf
- Food at First
- Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance
- Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf
- MICA
- SHOP Food Pantry (ISU Students Helping Our Peers)

walks. Either way, the “walking” part of CROP Walk has always been a symbolic gesture, to honor people around the world who *must* walk—every day, and often for great distances—to secure food and water.

As always, *you* can support CROP Walk by sponsoring any one of these FCC walkers, or simply donating to the FCC Team. We have set a team goal of \$2,000 and are dedicated to meeting or surpassing that goal, as we’ve done the last few years!

Money raised through CROP Walk helps to fund food programs sponsored around the world by Church World Service. In addition, 25% of the total amount raised by Ames-area walkers is earmarked for *local* food programs right here in our community.

In the wake of the Covid pandemic, we have learned how public health crises can intensify the problem of hunger in our communities and around the world. Please consider prayerfully how your donation to the FCC CROP Walk Team could help to address this urgent need.

Stay tuned for progress reports and thank you for your support. Go Team FCC!

—Mary and David Gregory Co-Chairs, 2022 FCC CROP Walk Team  
(Mary: 515-520-5536; David: 515-708-9004)

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$2,000.



RAISED: **\$150**

GOAL: **\$2,000**

[Donate Now](#)

## *How to donate to an individual walker or to the FCC Team!*

There are several ways in which you can donate. Please choose from among the following...

- Make a check out to **CWS/CROP** and mail it to: First Christian Church, 611 Clark Ave., Ames, IA, 50010. If you want to sponsor an individual walker, note that on the memo line. Otherwise, your donation will go to the FCC Team.
- Use the DONATE button that appears in this article or in other CROP-related articles released by First Christian Church (in The Call or in Weekly News Updates).
- Go to the Ames CROP Hunger Walk website ([events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/first-christian-church-of-ames](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/first-christian-church-of-ames)) and use the **DONATE** button to make an online donation. The process is very easy, and you can donate to either an individual walker or to our team, named “First Christian Church of Ames.”
- If you can do so in a way that is safe, secure, and comfortable for you, you can still give cash or a check (made out to **CWS/CROP**) directly to anyone on the FCC CROP Walk Team.
- Finally, on Sunday mornings, there will be customized “Crop Walk” donation envelopes on a table in the west entryway. You can pick one up, place your cash or check inside, and drop this in the offering plate.

If you need help making your donation, please feel free to contact anyone on the FCC CROP Walk Team, including co-chairs David Gregory (515-708-9004) and Mary VonAh-Gregory (515-520-5536), or call the church office.



## 2022 Fall Scriptures and Weekly Themes

Sept. 25	Forgive One Another	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Oct. 2	Wait for One Another	1 Corinthians 11:17-33
Oct. 9	Look Out for One Another	Philippians 2:1-8
Oct. 16	Teach and Admonish One Another	Colossians 3:12-17
Oct. 23	Encourage and Build Up One Another	1 Thess. 5:9-28
Oct. 30	Provoke One Another to Love and Good Deeds	Hebrews 10:19-25
Nov. 6	Confess to and Pray for One Another	James 5:13-16
Nov. 13	Be Hospitable to One Another	1 Peter 4:7-11
Nov. 20	Love One Another	1 John 4:7-8; 16b-21

## October Calendar

- ♦ **Elder's Circle**  
Every Monday, 10:45 am via Zoon
- ♦ **FCC Makes Lunch for Food at First**  
Saturday, October 1, 9:30 am—1pm
- ♦ **Faith Formation Team**  
Wednesday, October 5, 6 pm
- ♦ **MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD**  
**Monday, October 10, 7 pm**
- ♦ **Property Team Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 11, 7:15 pm
- ♦ **Green Chalice Team Meeting**  
Sunday, October 16, after worship
- ♦ **Newsletter Deadline**  
Monday, October 17, by NOON
- ♦ **Trustees Meeting**  
Monday, October 17, 7 pm
- ♦ **Council of Ministries Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 25, 7 pm

### Scheduled Events:

- ⇒ **Reconciliation Offering Received**, Sundays, September 25 and October 2
- ⇒ **Families with Youth and Children Lunch and Disc Golf Outing**, September 25 after worship, Carroll Marty Disc Golf Course. See page 5.
- ⇒ **Tom Bochholtz's Memorial Service**, September 30 at 2 PM, in the Sanctuary
- ⇒ **Women's Retreat at Lake Koronis, MN**, September 30-October 2. See page 11.
- ⇒ **Child Safety Training**, October 2, 1 PM, Coffee House, see page 5.
- ⇒ **"Listen to the Voice of Creation,"** Oct. 2, 1 PM (Children's procession at 12:50 pm), St. Cecilia Parish Church, 2900 Hoover, Ames, IA. See p. 9
- ⇒ **CROP Hunger Walk, Brookside Park**, Sunday, October 9, gathering at 1 PM, walk at 1:30 PM. See page 2
- ⇒ **All Congregational Gathering**, Saturday, Oct. 15 9 AM—3:30 PM, Christian Conference Center, Newton, IA. See page 10.
- ⇒ **Pastor Mary will be on vacation from Thurs., October 13, through Fri., October 21.**



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# Upcoming Events

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## FAMILIES WITH YOUTH AND CHILDREN



**On Sunday, September 25th after church**, FCC will provide a meal for families of youth and children. Youth (6-12th grades) are invited to head off to the disc golf course in Ames where

Sue and Marv Prins will lead youth through this 9-hole course.

Please RSVP regarding lunch and transportation to the golf course, to Melissa Webb at [melissataylorwebb@gmail.com](mailto:melissataylorwebb@gmail.com).

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## **FOR NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP** **SEPTEMBER 25**



**On Sunday, September 25** we will be reflecting on Ephesians 4:25-5:2. This passage beautifully captures a Christ life ethic. On the 25th you will be invited to reflect on the scripture and think of someone you have experienced as having the qualities found in this scripture and share a bit about them or just their name. Feel free to read the scripture ahead of time and see who comes to mind.



## **In-Person** **Child Safety Training** **and Discussion**

**Sunday, October 2**

**After worship, Coffee House**

**If you were not able to attend the Child Safety Training in August, we will have a second training session on Sunday, October 2nd.**

The safety of our children and youth are a top priority at FCC. If you have an interest in volunteering in any capacity with our young people, you won't want to miss this training. Because we love our children so very dearly, we require anyone working with them to take this training and sign a policy that indicates they are willing to follow our safety guidelines. No reservation is needed, so please plan to join us on **October 2nd after worship in the Coffee House**. This training is only available in person this year.

If you have questions, please contact Melissa Webb (515-249-3879, [melissataylorwebb@gmail.com](mailto:melissataylorwebb@gmail.com)), Nancy Schroeder (233-2338) or Mary Jane Button-Harrison (232-5766).



## Message from the Trustees

**T**he Church has diligently weathered the past few years as we continue to emerge from the Pandemic. We are providing vibrant worship experiences centered around our four key ministries: *Worshipping God, Building Faith, Growing Connections, and Loving Neighbors*. The financial support of Church members and friends continues to assist in helping meet our Mission and financial responsibilities, and for that we are grateful.

Our current budget numbers do warrant our concern. In 2022, we continue to operate with a year-to-date deficit—that is, the cumulative difference between **income** and **expenses**. Hopefully, increased giving—both pledged and unpledged—will begin to reduce or close the deficit. As Trustees we are dutifully examining ways to ensure we safeguard our financial resources.

Typically, in the month of September, a letter is mailed from the church office to all those who have made financial gifts to the church during the current year, providing donors with a record of what they have given to date (through August 30). In the hope that this information is helpful, we will continue the practice this year. Please watch for this update letter and consider prayerfully how you can best continue to support FCC's mission and ministries in the remaining months of 2022.

You may contact any of the Trustees listed below if you have comments, questions or concerns.

Warmly,  
DeLores Hawkins, David Gregory and Anjeanette Perkins

## *Alternatives to the Offering Plate*

- You can always send a **check** through the mail to: First Christian Church, 611 Clark Ave., Ames IA 50010. If you add "Attention: Dave or Jeanne Fitz," the envelope will be delivered directly to our Financial Secretaries.
- Now might be a good time to set up, through your bank, some form of automatic payment to FCC. This can be done either as a **direct deposit** (in which funds are transferred electronically), or as **online bill pay** (in which your bank sends an actual check to the church). Contact FCC's Financial Secretaries, Dave or Jeanne Fitz (515-232-9306), for more information.
- You can also make your offering by **debit card**, **credit card** or **PayPal**, using the **DONATE** button on the FCC website. This button is also regularly included in the electronic version of *The Call*, and in the online *Weekly Update*. It's safe, secure, and convenient! For more information, contact the church office.

# Christian Church Foundation Market Commentary

Sept. 20, 2022

Market volatility has returned with a vengeance. After a brief rally during the first part of summer, significant volatility has returned to the financial markets once more.

Last week's consumer price index report was hotter than expected—core inflation climbed 0.6% in August on a month-over-month basis. The stronger than anticipated inflation number led to a steep sell-off in both stocks and bonds. The fear is an even more aggressive Fed will raise interest rates ever higher and drive the U.S. economy into a recession.

The markets are in a tug-of-war between inflation concerns and recession woes. During this period of great uncertainty, volatility is inevitable. From mid-June to mid-August, we saw the good side of volatility. And over the last months, we have seen the bad side of volatility.

Market volatility is unsettling, but historically not unusual. Since 1950 there have been 12 markets declines of 20% or more. The average decline was 33% and the average duration was 12 months. Sell-offs always come to an end and it's important to note that once stocks bottomed, they rallied sharply over shorter time periods. On average, the S&P 500 returned 13% in the month following the bottom, 35% in the six months following the bottom, and 65% in the 12 months following the bottom. In other words, market rebounds tend to be front-loaded, which is why market timing simply does not work. Time in the market is what matters.

When markets are rough, the best ballast is the combination of a diversified portfolio and a prudent investment discipline. At the Foundation, we remain focused on growing your dollars for ministry today and tomorrow.

Gary W. Kidwell  
President, Christian Church Foundation

## SAVE THE DATES! Wednesday, November 16 & Thursday, November 17

Seminars on How Community Land Trusts (CLTs)  
Create Permanent Affordable Housing

This is something exciting for AMOS church members/institutions. On these days, AMOS and the city of Des Moines will bring Grounded Solutions, the experts in Community Land Trusts (CLT's), to Des Moines for a series of meetings to inform attendees of the benefits of CLTs.

CLT'S are a way to create affordable housing that stays affordable forever and looks like other properties in the neighborhood so it's welcomed by the neighbors!

How is this possible? With the purchase of a CLT home, the buyer purchases only the structure on the property and a trust holds the land. If the owner later wishes to sell, the owner agrees to accept only a portion of the increase in value in order to preserve affordability for the next buyer. The owner may also choose to pass the property along to his or her heirs.

While this is a new idea for the Des Moines Metro, it is in use in 225 other communities in the U.S. and is now an integral part of how other communities are dealing with skyrocketing real estate prices. CLTs have a proven track record of

- offering affordability in perpetuity
- providing for successive lower-income buyers with every property
- preserving the diversity and quality of life in our city
- slowing gentrification
- saving tax dollars for the city and county

Whether you are hearing about CLT's for the first time and want to learn more or are a seasoned advocate for affordable housing, **plan to attend one or more of these informative trainings on November 16 and 17.** There will be more details soon, but you'll want to get this on your calendar. Feel free to email me should you have questions!

Cheryl Long, AMOS member, First Unitarian Church  
[clongassoc@gmail.com](mailto:clongassoc@gmail.com)

AMOS Affordable Housing Research Team  
(AMOS is a broad-based, nonpartisan, interfaith community of 50 diverse member organizations (<https://www.amosiowa.org/>).

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Organizing Strategy



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

515 CLARK AVE.  
CITY HALL PARKING LOT M  
west side of City Hall



WWW.CITYOFAMES.ORG

\*Inclement weather location will be City Hall Gymnasium.



# Green Team Report

A reminder that the vegetarian cookbook is now available. Please contact Darla Ewalt ([gsioey69@hotmail.com](mailto:gsioey69@hotmail.com)) for a pdf copy.

**Challenge:** City of Ames home owners schedule a free energy audit. Story County residents who have Alliant Energy, do their free online home assessment. Let us know what you learned.

The Green Team had their Earth Care Fair on Sunday, September 11, following worship. We had information about the Ames and Iowa State glass recycling programs, eco-friendly cleaning products, Ames stormwater control rebate programs and the City of Ames Composting Program. The city donated a compost pail that we had a drawing for. The information will be posted for you to review again. Please note the announcement in the Call about the City of Ames EcoFair on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Hope you can go.

We have received the report of the free energy audit done on our building. The report was very good. The one main recommendation was to replace the old window air conditioners with newer more efficient air conditioners. Here is a quick overview of the audit:

- Heating System – no change, continue tune-ups.
- Water Heating – no change recommended.
- Cooling System – Replacement of window units would save money.
- Lighting – no change recommended (already use LEDs).
- Insulation and windows – attic insulation is good, for future remodeling recommend wall insulation, and windows are fine.
- Appliances (Plug Load) – no immediate replacement of appliances recommended.

A big thank you goes to Jim Lester and the Property Committee for their upkeep on our building and for scheduling our free energy audit!

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## Climate Change Corner

On December 21st, 2021 the Ames City Council voted to reduce emissions by 83% by 2030 over 2018 levels and to reach net-zero by 2050. The City has created a Climate Action Plan, What is a Climate Action Plan? The Climate Action Plan (CAP) is a framework and action plan that outlines the guiding principles and resulting action plan needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ames. A climate action plan (CAP) is a tool that helps communities understand their influence on greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), and then plan to reduce GHGs in a way that supports community well-being and economic growth. For more information go to <https://confluence.mysocialpinpoint.com/ames-climate-action-plan>.

One of the areas of the CAP is Smart Energy. The city leaders and employees can only do so much. The citizens of Ames need to do their part. The city has created rebate programs (see <https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-a-h/electric/smart-energy/residential-programs> for more information on energy rebates). Smart Energy rebates are designed to help Ames Electric Services customers conserve energy and reduce their environmental impact. As advances are made in energy-saving technologies, the rebates are updated as well. The city has built these programs around asking customers to strive for the next level of energy savings. Keep saving energy and lowering your carbon footprint! The city is also offering a free residential energy audit (<https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-a-h/electric/smart-energy/residential-energy-audit-request-form>).

For our FCC members that don't live in Ames, Alliant Energy has a free online home energy assessment (<https://www.alliantenergy.com/alliantenergynews/illuminate/26-homeenergyassessment>) and rebates (<https://www.alliantenergy.com/waystosave/rebatesandmarketplace/iageneralrebates>). If you have another energy provider, check their website for energy audits and rebates.



## Listen to the Voice of Creation

ECUMENICAL  
OUTDOOR PRAYER SERVICE  
Sunday—October 2, 2022, 1 PM

(Procession of children with  
Voice of Creation art work begins at 12:50 p.m.)

In front of St. Cecilia Parish Church,  
2900 Hoover, Ames, IA

Please join members from several area congregations for an ecumenical prayer celebration of creation and recognition of our common need to live justly and in proper balance with nature. The event will include hearing how different congregations are taking action to care for our common home.

**William Gutowski**, Professor of Meteorology at Iowa State University will give a short talk on human inequities being created by climate change.



Bill Gutowski is a Professor of Meteorology in the Department of **Geological and Atmospheric Sciences at Iowa State University**. *He does research and teaches on climate change, weather and climate extremes and the impacts of climate change on society. His work has had special focus on changing climate in regions of the world such as Africa, the Arctic and the U.S*

We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures, fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats. We grieve at the loss of human cultures, along with the loss of the livelihoods that have been displaced or perished by our unwillingness to listen.

If possible, bring your own chairs or blankets (some chairs will be provided). In case of rain, the event will take place in the Narthex at St. Cecilia.

Contacts: John Wilson [mjwilson@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjwilson@frontiernet.net),  
Lois Lehmkuhl 515-450-1200, Howard Lehmkuhl  
515-520-7261, or Cordelia Flora [cflora@iastate.edu](mailto:cflora@iastate.edu).  
[www.SeasonOfCreation.org](http://www.SeasonOfCreation.org)



## Around the Region — Things We Do Together

For more info or to register for events:

[www.uppermidwestcc.org](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org)

Below, @CCC =  
held at the Christian  
Conference Center

**Sept 25-28**  
**Pastor Camp**

**Sept 30-Oct 2**  
**UMW Fall Women's  
Retreat**

**Oct. 15 All**  
**Congregational  
Gathering**

**Oct. 27 Regional**  
**Operations Council  
Online**

**Nov. 4-6 Chi Rho**  
**Retreat**

**Nov. 11-12 Committee**  
**on Ministry**

**Nov. 18-19 CMEP**  
**Retreat**

**Nov. 18-20 CYF Retreat**

[Regional Prayer Calendar](#)

[Disciples videos](#)

## 2022 All Congregational Gathering

*Come be Disciples Together at  
the Christian Conference Center  
in Newton for the 2022 All  
Congregational Gathering.  
Spend the day with Disciples  
from across the Upper Midwest  
in fellowship, worship, and  
learning as we explore ideas  
about how to be the church in  
the world today!*

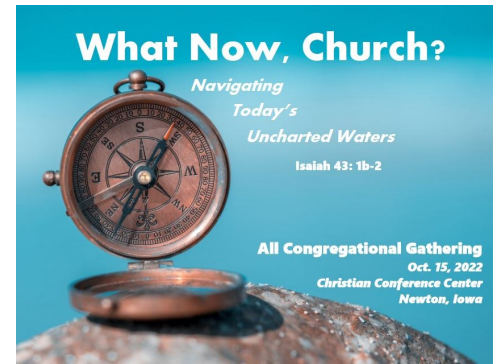
**Pre-Register for  
this Free Event**

### Learning Session

Learning Sessions will take on a completely new form this year with three topics options during each learning block. Presenters will cover innovative solutions that they've employed to deal with some of the problems congregations are facing today. Topics for the sessions include: **Christian Education, Worship, Resource Sharing, Church Finance, Leadership/Innovation, and Mission.** For each topic, three ministry concepts will be presented with time allowed for discussion at the end.

### Worship

We will open and close our day with worship together.



- Opening worship will include a processional of banners representing the congregations of the Upper Midwest.
- Music will be led by musicians from First Christian Church, Coraville/Iowa City.
- We will celebrate the ministries of the region and offer our struggles in prayer together as we listen to how God is calling us to serve the Upper Midwest.

### Food, Fun, and Fellowship Fair

Lunch will be provided free of charge as we enjoy games and activities on the grounds of the CCC. Activities for all ages and interests will be available as well as space for fellowship with your Disciples friends from across the region.

### Child Care and Children's Program

Child care will be provided during the opening worship, learning sessions, and business session. Nursery care for children up to age 6 will be provided as well as a school-age children's program. Closing worship will include activities for all ages.

### Business

A brief business session will take place

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immediately before the closing worship session. Business will include announcement of the 2022-2023 Operations Council members and a presentation and vote on the 2023 Regional Budget. To nominate clergy representatives for the Operations Council elections, submit names [here](#). To nominate lay leader representatives for the open geographic areas of the region, submit names [here](#).

# KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

*July 29 - August 1, 2023 • Louisville*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada is excited to announce the 2023 General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, July 29-August 1! It will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered.

Save the date to join Disciples across the church as we gather in person and digitally.

**Registration begins October 2022**

Learn more at <https://ga.disciples.org/>



## Upper Midwest Fall Women's Retreat

**When:** Fri., Sept. 30-Sun., Oct. 2

**Where:** Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, MN

**What:** Retreat is a time for taking a break from your daily life, work, and responsibilities and finding peace in a natural setting at Lake Koronis. It is also an opportunity for finding new friendships, laughter, and healing. Retreat also challenges us on our understanding of friendship, faith, belief, God, and our roles in the world.

- Wendy Manual, the keynote speaker, will touch on the topic of retreat which is "Family is as Family Does."
- In addition, there will be opportunities to hike, meditate, read, discuss a book, share snacks, do puzzles, play games, craft, pray, chat, challenge, speak up, listen, or just sit and Be.

**REGISTER**

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS



The Church building is  
**NOW OPEN.**

Our office hours are  
**9 am—2 pm , Monday-Thursday**

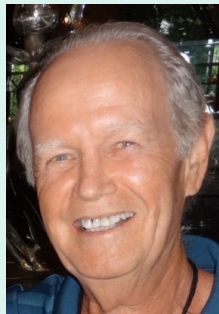
Need anything?  
CALL US! 515-232-5766  
Email Liz Collazo at:  
[fccames@fccames.org](mailto:fccames@fccames.org)

## Stewardship Report

N/A at time of publication.

### October Birthdays

- 04 Chris Haley
- 04 Molly Schwartz
- 04 Sue Button
- 10 Janet Lott
- 13 Kay Scott
- 16 Matt Spitzli
- 19 Doan Schmitz
- 20 Deb Lewis
- 29 Melissa Webb



## Celebration of Life for Tom Buchholtz

June 6, 1943-August 7, 2022

September 30, 2022, at 2 PM  
FCC Sanctuary

Thomas Buchholtz, MD, son of Ruth Buchholtz, passed away on August 7, 2022. A funeral service will be held in his memory at the First Christian Church Sanctuary on Friday, September 30, 2022. Tom and his family were longtime members of FCC, with his mother having joined the church in 1920, and serving as Choir Director for many years. Our deepest sympathies go out to Tom's wife, Karen Coletti, and his family. [See online obituary.](#)

## MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD

There will be a meeting of the General Board on **Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7 PM via Zoom.** Please submit any reports for the Board packet by Wednesday, October 5, at noon. Reports will be collected and distributed, along with zoom connecting information, on Thursday, October 6th.

**Pastor Mary will be on vacation  
from Thurs., October 13,  
through Fri., October 21.**

## OCTOBER 2 — FAREWAY PARKING LOT UNAVAILABLE

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, THE FAREWAY PARKING LOT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE. PLEASE USE THE WEST ENTRY PARKING LOT, OR ANY AVAILABLE STREET AREA PARKING.





## *Decade Changer Birthday Party*



*Wednesday, September 14, 2022*



## Zoom Weekly Activity Schedule

### Sunday\*

9:30 AM	⇒ Zoom Room Opens ⇒ Tech People Setup ⇒ Musicians Practice ⇒ Adult Learning Time	Online Link: <a href="http://www.fccames.org/SundayWorship">www.fccames.org/SundayWorship</a> Phone Connection: (312) 626-6799 ID: 83549778613#
10:00 AM	Clark Avenue and Ramp Doors Open for In-Person Worship	
10:30 AM	Worship (through Zoom or In-Person)	

### Wednesday

12:15 PM	Midweek Intercessory Prayers Online Link: <a href="http://fccames.org/WednesdayPrayers">fccames.org/WednesdayPrayers</a> Meeting ID: 826 9816 5415   Passcode: 645905 Phone Connection: (312) 626-6799 ID: 82698165415#
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### Thursday

10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship Online Link: <a href="http://fccames.org/CoffeeFellowship">fccames.org/CoffeeFellowship</a> Phone Connection: 1-312-626-6788 ID: 86790917856#
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### Keep this Schedule Handy

Regular Sunday worship hours.  
Summer worship hours and locations will vary.

## Stay Connected with FCC!

- [The Call Newsletter](#) – Dive deeper into FCC happenings! Published and emailed every 3rd week of the month. Want it mailed? Call the Church Office at 232-5766.
- [Weekly News Update](#) – The latest Church News, sent out every week on Thursdays.
- [Prayers of the People](#) – Intercessory prayer requests sent out as needed. [Request prayers.](#)
- [Follow us on Facebook – First Christian Church \(Disciples\) Ames](#)
- **Missed worship on Sunday? Check out [Our YouTube Channel](#)** Updated every following Monday.

## Opportunities to Serve

*"Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift... The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." (Eph. 4:7;11)*

- **GIVE** generously to the mission and vision of the Church.
- **HELP** keep our building and grounds looking great by lending a hand when needed. See Jim Lester (515-203-5097) for more information.
- **SHARE** your talents in worship by singing, reading, helping with audio/visuals, etc. Contact Janet Lott at [jalott@isunet.net](mailto:jalott@isunet.net) for more information.
- **WELCOME** and assist others on Sunday mornings as a Worship Assistant. Contact Vern Hawkins 515-291-0447 for more information.
- **FIGHT** hunger by joining FCC's core team of Food at First Volunteers. For more information, you may contact David Gregory at [dgregory@iastate.edu](mailto:dgregory@iastate.edu).
- **VOLUNTEER** your time with one of Ames' wonderful community organizations, and partners in ministry. (See opp. below this box.)

Thank you so much for what you do!  
Keep watching this box and respond as you are able. It takes a lot of people contributing their gifts to keep the ministry of FCC moving, growing and vital.

### Donate Grocery Bags to Food at First!

Food at First is running very low on grocery bags as of Mon 9/19/2022. Time to bring in all those bags you have been saving. Bring to Food at First at 611 Clark, Ames, IA. Also, see the Food at First Wish List. here: <https://foodatfirst.wordpress.com/donate/>





## Our Partners in Ministry



**Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.** provides Story County households with Emergency Food Vouchers that allow for the purchase of food in local grocery stores.

### What You Need to Apply:

1. A photo ID
2. Income information/verification for the entire household for the past 30 days
3. Listing of household expenses
4. Proof of Story County residency

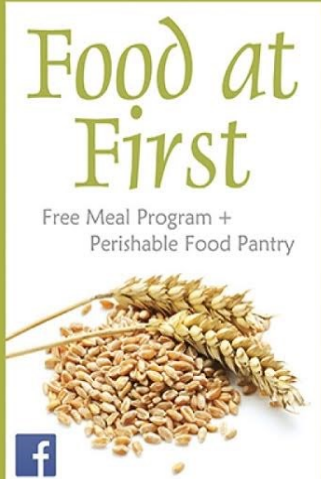
Contact [assistance@gnea.org](mailto:assistance@gnea.org) or call **515-296-1449** for more information.

## THE BRIDGE HOME

*Helping you navigate  
through life's hardships.*

**The Bridge Home** is devoted to bridging the gap between homelessness and housing by providing shelter, support, and inspiring a pathway forward to individuals and families experiencing or on the verge of homelessness. At The Bridge Home, we are not just dedicated to providing immediate relief. We provide a [continuum of care](#) from preventative services to housing programs. We offer the tools, resources, and education to empower and guide individuals and families facing the challenges of homelessness towards long-term solutions — free from judgment.

If you need assistance, please call us at [515.232.8075](tel:515.232.8075) or visit [www.thebridgehome.org/client-resources/](http://www.thebridgehome.org/client-resources/).



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## FOOD AT FIRST FREE MEAL AND MARKET PROGRAM

### Free Meal Times

**Sunday through Friday**  
5:45 pm – 6:15 pm

**Saturday**  
11:30 am – 12:15 am

### Free Market Times

**Monday**  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Thursday**  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Saturday**  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

### Donation Drop-Off

Donations can be dropped off at other times when arranged. Thank you for your support!

**Monday through Friday**  
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Saturday**  
8:00 am – 10:00 am

**Sunday**  
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**PATTY YODER,**  
**DIRECTOR, 515-344-4357,**  
[PATTY.FOODATFIRST@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PATTY.FOODATFIRST@GMAIL.COM)

The people of First Christian Church accept these values as core...

Genuinely accept, welcome and love everyone as Jesus did.

Connect people to God and to one another.

Cultivate an environment where people grow in faith and discipleship.

Celebrate everyone's gifts for ministry and encourage people as leaders.

Minister in the community with God's healing love.

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